




AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Agenda Date	<i>March 26, 2024</i>
Requested Action	APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R18; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY (LCRA) FOR TREE TRIMMING SERVICES BY MCCOY TREE SURGERY UNDER LCRA'S COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT FOR \$67,000.
Contact Person	Michael Mann – Utilities Director
Background Information	<p>Trimming trees around power lines is a vital operation to help ensure reliability of service to the city's electric utility customers. We typically perform this work ourselves in areas that are easily accessible but hire an outside contractor to perform this work in more difficult to access locations. Much of the latter involves climbing trees in backyards, etc.</p> <p>This work performed over prior years was directly responsible for minimizing the number and severity of outages during last February's ice storm. Although we did have a few occurrences, there would undoubtedly have been more impact without tree trimming work previously performed.</p>  <p>For several years, we have participated in LCRA's cooperative purchasing procurement program for these services, and we have had very good experience with the program. Once again, this year, McCoy</p>

	<p>Tree Surgery was awarded the contract by LCRA for this work. LCRA provides support and administration for the contractor.</p> <p>Staff requests that the Council authorize the City Manager to contact with LCRA for work to be done over a four-week period in September of this year. Direct charges from McCoy Tree Surgery would be \$62,924.80, and there would be a \$3,146.24 administrative fee from LCRA. The total proposed cost is \$66,071.04.</p>
Item Justification	<div> <input type="checkbox"/> Legal/Regulatory Obligation <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Investment </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Customer Pull </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Service Enhancement </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigate Risk <input type="checkbox"/> Process Efficiency </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan Recommendation <input type="checkbox"/> Other: </div>
Strategic Alignment	<p>Safety and Security</p> <p>F2 Investing in and maintaining a high-quality infrastructure systems and public assets.</p>
Financial Considerations	<p>Funding for this work is included in the Electric Utility Operating Budget.</p>
Citizen Input/Board Review	<p>N/A</p>
Legal Review	<p>The proposed contract was reviewed by the City Attorney's office.</p>
Alternative Options	<p>Deferring this work would likely result in decreased electric service reliability in future wind or ice events.</p>
Supporting Documents	<p>Proposed contract attached.</p>